

CLAIMS

1. Support article or under-article that can be used alone or preferably under a support article while in direct contact with the skin of the wearer, characterized in that it is essentially knit with at least two different mesh structures, i.e.:

- a first structure for a first zone of said article or under-article that extends from the end intended for the toes to the level of the ankle bones of said wearer, this zone being knitted according to a so-called "floating mesh" pattern in a textile material with an outer surface that is opposite that in contact with the skin of said wearer and that is smooth,

- a second structure for a second zone of said article or under-article that extends from the aforementioned ankle bones to the other end opposite that intended for said toes, this zone being knitted according to a so-called "woven mesh" pattern, in an adapted elastic textile material with a weave titer of between 240 dtex and 600 dtex in such a way as to afford light compression or support at the level of said second zone.

2. Article or under-article according to claim 1, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a synthetic textile material, preferably a flat synthetic filament, untextured and preferably in combination with an elastothane.

3. Article or under-article according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the smooth textile material used for the first structure is a polyamide in the form of a filament.

4. Article or under-article according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the textile material

used for the second structure comprises at most 50% by weight of a natural textile material, such as cotton, linen, or silk.

5. Article or under-article according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the textile material used for the first and/or second structure comprises a modified synthetic textile material with a physico-chemical property that has been improved relative to the base synthetic textile material, such as improved thermal insulation, water vapor permeability, bactericidal and/or fungicidal action, an odor-suppression effect, etc.

6. Article or under-article according to any of the preceding claims, wherein it comprises a so-called alternative knitted heel with a flat synthetic filament.

7. Article or under-article according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compression or support applied to the wearer at the level of said first zone is less than 13 hPa.

8. Article or under-article according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the compression or support applied to the wearer at the level of said second zone is between 13 and 30 hPa, preferably between 20 and 30 hPa.

9. Article or under-article according to any of the preceding claims, wherein it is a stocking or an under-stockings.

10. Article or under-article according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein it is tights or undertights.

11. Article or under-article according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein it is a legging or an underlegging, i.e., an article placed under a legging provided with a single leg intended to support a

single lower limb.

12. Article or under-article according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein it is a sock or an undersock.